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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON VIKING  
MISSION

1. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE  
DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT DEMICHELI. QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY,  
ALBERTO DEMICHELI, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY,  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE REGARDING THE  
SUCCESS OF THE VIKING MISSION.

THE GOOD WISHES OF PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER HAVE SUSTAINED  
THIS EFFORT THROUGH MANY CRITICAL PERIODS, NOT THE LEAST  
OF WHICH WAS DURING THE LONG JOURNEY FROM EARTH TO THE  
MARTIAN SURFACE. THE FULL REALIZATION OF MAN'S AGE-OLD  
DREAM OF EXPLORING SPACE WILL REQUIRE A UNITY OF PURPOSE  
AND COOPERATION AMONG MANKIND WHICH IS JUST BEGINNING TO  
BE DEVELOPED. WE TRUST THAT OUR EFFORTS IN THE EXPLORA-  
TION OF SPACE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THIS  
DEVELOPMENT.

ON BEHALF OF ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE VIKING  
SUCCESES, YOUR KIND EXPRESSION IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

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SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

FYI. FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT  
DEMICHELI: QUOTE I HAVE THE HONOR TO ADDRESS YOUR  
EXCELLENCY IN ORDER TO CONVEY THE VERY WARM CONGRATULA-  
TIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF URUGUAY TO THE  
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF A BRILLIANT FEAT THAT HAS  
AROUSED THE ADMIRATION OF THE WORLD, A FEAT WHEREBY MAN  
HAS TAKEN STILL ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN HIS SEARCH FOR NEW  
WORLDS AND SCIENTIFIC TRUTH.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST  
CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM. END QUOTE.

3. NO RELEASES INTENDED BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT  
WISHES TO DO SO. ROBINSON

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